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Esteemed Sir.

8 You would greatly oblige me by forwarding to me a Copy of the last "Liberator". — I wish to preserve it and inherit it to my successors as a relic, as a "corpus delicti" — so that if ever any doubts should be expressed towards myself or my successors as to the veracity of the tale, that there once was such a thing in "free America" as Slavery — that there once was an institution flourishing which allowed human beings to be sold for Servants and Prostitutes — that we then can show those doubters by the "corpus delicti" — Your "Liberator" — that our tale is true. — The generation to come will want such proofs never believe that there ever was such a thing as Slavery. —

Very Respectfully
John Ruhm
12th 15th U.S.C.T.

Wm. Lloyd Garrison
Esquire.

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